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(2-08)UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE**

Case

18-CA-265644

Date Filed

September 03, 2020

INSTRUCTIONS:

File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT

a. Name of Employer Surlly Brewing Co		b. Tel. No. (763) 999-4040
		c. Cell No.
		f. Fax No.
d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) 520 Malcolm Ave SE MN Minneapolis 55414-_____	e. Employer Representative	g. e-Mail
		h. Number of workers employed 150
i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.) Beverages (Alcoholic)	j. Identify principal product or service Brewery	
k. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1) and (list subsections) 3 of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.		

2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices)

--See additional page--

3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Title:

4a. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

4b. Tel. No.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

4c. Cell No.**4d. Fax No.****4e. e-Mail**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization)**6. DECLARATION**

I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(signature of representative or person making charge)

Title:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(Print/type name and title or office, if any)

Tel. No.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Office, if any, Cell No.**Fax No.****e-Mail**

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Address

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

09/3/2020 11:55:15

(date)

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)**PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing unfair labor practice and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information will cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.

Basis of the Charge

8(a)(3)

Within the previous six months, the Employer discharged an employee(s) because the employee(s) joined or supported a labor organization and in order to discourage union activities and/or membership.

Name of employee discharged	Approximate date of discharge
Numerous employees	(b) (6) /2020



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September 3, 2020

SURLY BREWING CO
520 MALCOLM AVE SE
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55414

Re: Surly Brewing Co
Case 18-CA-265644

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

Investigator: This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney KAITLIN E. KELLY whose telephone number is (952)703-2885. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Supervisory Attorney ASHOK C. BOKDE whose telephone number is (952)703-2894.

Right to Representation: You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, www.nlr.gov, or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Presentation of Your Evidence: We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not

enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose position statements or evidence in closed cases upon request, unless an exemption applies, such as those protecting confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

Preservation of all Potential Evidence: Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

Prohibition on Recording Affidavit Interviews: It is the policy of the General Counsel to prohibit affiants from recording the interview conducted by Board agents when subscribing Agency affidavits. Such recordings may impede the Agency's ability to safeguard the confidentiality of the affidavit itself, protect the privacy of the affiant and potentially compromise the integrity of the Region's investigation.

Correspondence: All documents submitted to the Region regarding your case MUST be filed through the Agency's website, www.nlr.gov. This includes all formal pleadings, briefs, as well as affidavits, documentary evidence, and position statements. The Agency requests all evidence submitted electronically to be in the form it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format).

If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the charge. If you cannot e-file your documents, you must provide a statement explaining why you do not have access to the means for filing electronically or why filing electronically would impose an undue burden.

In addition, this Region will be issuing case-related correspondence and documents, including complaints, compliance specifications, dismissal letters, deferral letters, and withdrawal letters, electronically to the email address you provide. Please ensure that you receive important case-related correspondence, please ensure that the Board Agent assigned to your case has your preferred email address. These steps will ensure that you receive correspondence faster and at a significantly lower cost to the taxpayer. If there is some reason you are unable to receive correspondence via email, please contact the agent assigned to your case to discuss the circumstances that prevent you from using email.

Information about the Agency, the procedures we follow in unfair labor practice cases and our customer service standards is available on our website, www.nlr.gov or from an NLRB office upon your request. *NLRB Form 4541, Investigative Procedures* offers information that is helpful to parties involved in an investigation of an unfair labor practice charge.

We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

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JENNIFER A. HADSALL
Regional Director

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

SURLY BREWING CO

Charged Party

and

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Charging Party

Case 18-CA-265644

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE OF CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

I, the undersigned employee of the National Labor Relations Board, state under oath that on September 3, 2020, I served the above-entitled document(s) by post-paid regular mail upon the following persons, addressed to them at the following addresses:

Surly Brewing Co
520 Malcolm Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

September 3, 2020

Date

Shane Hose, Designated Agent of NLRB

Name

/s/ Shane Hose

Signature



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Qualifying for Backpay: We are just beginning to investigate your charge and no decision has been made regarding the merits of your case. However, it is important that

employees who might be entitled to backpay because of loss of employment understand their obligation to look for work in order to qualify for backpay if your case has merit. Accordingly, we urge you to promptly provide the Board agent with the names and addresses of all employees who might be entitled to backpay as a result of the charge you filed.

If backpay is due to an employee, the Board requires that the employee offset the backpay by promptly beginning to look for another job in the same or similar line of work. The Board has held that a reasonably diligent employee should begin searching for interim work within 2 weeks after the employee's termination or layoff or a refusal to hire the employee. If an employee cannot establish that he or she actively tried to mitigate his or her losses, the amount of money owed to the employee might be reduced.

Employees who might be owed backpay should keep careful records of when and where they have sought employment and of job search expenses such as mileage, parking, and copying resumes. Specifically, they should keep a record of each time they attempt to find work, including the date, name of the company, name of person with whom they spoke, the position sought, and the response received.

Very truly yours,

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JENNIFER A. HADSALL
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September 8, 2020

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Re: Surly Brewing Co
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Dear Mr. Zech, Mr. Trachsel and Ms. Bernstein:

This is to advise you that I have approved the withdrawal of the charge in the above matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jennifer A. Hadsall

JENNIFER A. HADSALL
Regional Director

cc: Omar Ansari
Surly Brewing Co
520 Malcolm Ave SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

